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info@modernegypt.info**Mubarak: We Need to Move Fast to Final Status Talks****Tells U.S. Strong, Sustained American Involvement Critical to Peace Process****Time is Now: Abu Mazen Position Strengthened; Parameters for Peace Well Known**

WASHINGTON – In meetings with top U.S. officials today, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak called on the U.S. Administration to quickly re-engage in negotiations over the final status of the Israeli-Palestinian issue. President Mubarak met today with Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton accompanied by Special Envoy George Mitchell, as well as Jewish groups ahead of Tuesday's State Visit with U.S. President Barack Obama.

In his meetings today, President Mubarak noted that this month's Fatah General Congress had significantly strengthened Palestinian Authority President Abu Mazen's position as a partner for peace. It is now no longer possible to use the divided Palestinian leadership as an excuse for avoiding negotiations, the President told U.S. audiences. Urging U.S. involvement, President Mubarak stressed that the two sides cannot be left to resolve the fundamental issues of a final settlement by themselves.

In an interview with PBS's Charlie Rose due to air Monday night, President Mubarak also highlighted Egypt's "laborious efforts" to unify Hamas and Fatah, acknowledging that unity has to occur before there can be peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

Defining the borders of a Palestinian state will unlock many of the other issues of a final agreement, Mubarak said today, adding that the Israeli government's recent acceptance of a two-state solution was a positive first step.

"Instead of saying stopping more settlements and we heard this many times, now for over ten years. And never come to a stop. What I can say is that we have to consider the whole issue holistically, to negotiate on the final resolution," Mubarak said in the PBS interview.

President Mubarak told Charlie Rose of what he called an "awakening in the Arab region." In Egypt, these changes have been fueled by economic liberalization under President Mubarak's leadership. Egypt has seen record GDP growth and falling unemployment rates, from 11.8 percent in 2005 to 8.6 percent in 2008. The media and broadcast sectors have been opened up to private investment; in 2009, Egypt was named the top regional economic reformer for the third year in a row by the World Bank.

The full Charlie Rose interview with President Mubarak can be seen at 11 p.m. ET on Monday, August 17 on PBS.

This week's State Visit marks the first visit by President Mubarak to the United States since 2004. The two presidents are expected to discuss the Administration's proposals for Middle East peace, as well as other regional issues such as Iran's nuclear ambitions.

There will be a briefing for U.S. media immediately following the Tuesday summit. Details follow:

U.S.-Egypt Summit Media Briefing
Ambassador Soliman Awaad, Official Spokesperson for the Presidency
Tuesday, August 18, 2009
12:30 p.m.
Chandelier Room, St. Regis Hotel
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EGYPTIAN PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESPERSON TO BRIEF U.S. PRESS ON 8/18 SUMMIT OF PRESIDENTS MUBARAK AND OBAMA *Press Kit Available at www.modernegypt.info*

Washington – The spokesperson for the Egyptian Presidency, Ambassador Soliman Awaad, will brief U.S. press in English on the summit between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and U.S. President Barack Obama on Tuesday, August 18 at 12:30 p.m.

The briefing will occur immediately following the summit, as the two Presidents share lunch at the White House. A downloadable press kit is available for media at www.modernegypt.info.

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